in April, 1989. The scheme was revised in December, 1992. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided to State/UTs as well as Yoga Institutions of repute for Teacher training including TA/DA to teacher trainees, upgradation of library facilities and construction/ expansion of hostels for teacher trainees. In addition, Yoga Institutions of All India character will also be given financial assistance for maintenance as well as development expenditure for promotion of basic research and/or for teacher training programmes in various aspects of Yoga other than the therapeutical aspects.

(c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh was sanctioned Rs. 12,93,250/- during 1990-91 and 1991-92 for implementation of the scheme.

Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools in M.P.

2330. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) project was initiated in 1984-85 jointly by the Department of Electronics and the Education Department;

(b) if so, whether the project has been extended on year to year basis;

(c) what is the number of schools in Madhya Pradesh where BBC Micros were installed so far; and

(d) by when all the schools in Madhya Pradesh are likely to be provided the computer education?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Upto 1989-90, 145 Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools have been covered under the Project in Madhya Pradesh. No new schools have been added since 1990-91.

(d) During the 8th Plan, a modified strategy is likely to be adopted for which a budget provision of Rs. 146 crores has been suggested. With this provision, it will not be possible to cover more than 1500 Senior Secondary Schools in the country. To cover all the schools in the country, considerable time and resources are required. The schools will, therefore, be covered in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources in the subsequent Plan periods.

Science Improvement Scheme in M.P.

2331. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 741 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1993 and state;

(a) the progress made so far with regard to the implementation of science improvement scheme in M.P.: and

(b) the areas in M.P. covered since its introduction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'Improvement of Science Education in Schools', a sum of Rs. 6,65,38,900/- has, so far, been sanctioned to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the following purposes:

- Provision of science kits to 6,291 upper primary schools;
- Setting up of new laboratories in 650 secondary/senior secondary schools;
- Supply of books on science related subjects for upgradation of libraries in 625 secondary/senior secondary schools and;
- Organisation of 140 programmes for training of science and mathematics teahers.

All the districts have been covered partially.

Uniform Age Limit for Admission in Schools

2332. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that age limits in different schools compel children in some cases to be sent to school at a very premature age; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to prescribe any uniform age limit for all schools?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Minimum age for admission to class I of the primary stage is generally 5 + or 6 + years. States/Union Territories wise details are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Age Restriction for Admission

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Stage	Minimum Age for Admission to Class-I of the Stage
1	2	3	4
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
3.	Assam	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
4.	Bihar	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
5.	Goa	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
6.	Gujarat	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Volutarily 6 (plus) Compulsory
7.	Haryana	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
10.	Karnataka	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years & 10 months generally
11.	Kerala	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
13.	Maharashtra	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
14.	Manipur	Primary Stage	No. age restriction
15.	Meghalaya	Primary Stage	No. age restriction (generally 5+Years)
16.	Mizoram	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
17.	Nagaland	Primary Stage	4 (Years)
18.	Orissa	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
19.	Punjab	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
20.	Rajasthan	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
21.	Sikkim	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
22.	Tamil Nadu	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
23.	Tripura	Primary Stage	6 (plus) Years
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
25.	West Bengal	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
	Union Territory		
26.	A. & N. Islands	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
27.	Chandigarh	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
29.	Daman & Diu	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
30.	Delhi	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
31.	Lakshadweep	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years
32.	Pondicherry	Primary Stage	5 (plus) Years

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